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Dear Criminal Justice Professionals:

Welcome to the October edition of "Evaluation News: Expanding Knowledge Through Information Exchange." This edition of the monthly E-newsletter announces that JRSA will be requesting input from you concerning content for the BJA Center for Program Evaluation Web Site as well as provides resources, news updates, and information on upcoming conferences. The E-newsletter provides evaluation information to states on a regular basis using technology to promote information exchange and enhance capacity to access the research community.

****COMING SOON****

SEEKING INPUT ON BJA CENTER FOR PROGRAM EVALUATION

We are in the process of selecting new program-specific information to add to the Center for Program Evaluation Web Site and would like your input. We will be emailing you shortly to request your input on new program areas.

Current program areas include Community Justice Programs, Drug Courts, Multijurisdictional Task Forces, Reentry Programs, and Tribal Courts. Please help us help you with your evaluation needs.

NEWS UPDATES

Over the past few months, BJA has hosted a series of regional conferences entitled "Managing and Maximizing Justice Funds at the State and Local Levels." During these conferences, JRSA staff have conducted a session entitled, "Return on Investment: Practical Evaluation" that provides an overview of the basics of evaluation to identify the best use of limited research funding for states. In addition, the session includes a demonstration of the newly revised Center for Program Evaluation Web Site. The presentation from this session can be accessed at:

<http://www.bja.evaluationwebsite.org/reference/index.shtml#presentations>

The Bureau of Justice Statistics and the Justice Research and Statistics Association recently hosted their national conference "Data for Decisionmakers: Ensuring Quality and Applicability" on October 28-29, 2004, in Seattle, Washington. Speaker presentations will be available on-line shortly. For all conference-related information visit: <http://www.jrsa.org> and click on the BJS/JRSA 2004 National Conference icon located at the bottom right corner.

Has your state published evaluation reports recently? Contact Veronica Puryear to insure your work is included in a future edition of Evaluation News!

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is sponsoring its West regional conference for State Administering Agencies and Subgrantees on November 30, 2004 -December 1, 2004 in Portland, Oregon. The conference series, "Managing and Maximizing Justice Funds at the State and Local Levels," is designed to provide information that is timely, relevant and substantive while also assisting policy makers' and practitioners' efforts to improve criminal justice operations and services, and deliver effective criminal justice programs. More information is available at:

<http://www.ncja.org/bjaregionalmeeting.html>

The National Drug Court Institute, in collaboration with the Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, and the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice, will host its sixth series of Regional Evaluation Trainings that are designed to address the evaluation needs of drug court programs. Attendees will receive training in developing effective systems and strategies for monitoring and evaluating their drug court programs. The training will take place November 12-13, 2004, in Dallas, Texas. For more information, contact Aaron Roussell at the National Drug Court Institute, aroussell@ndci.org, or visit:

http://www.ndci.org/training_schedule03.htm

The American Society of Criminology (ASC) will be hosting its 55th Annual Conference November 16-20, 2004, in Nashville, Tennessee. For complete conference information visit the ASC Web site at:

<http://www.asc41.com/>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Web sites providing information on funding opportunities:

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance:

<http://12.46.245.173/cfda/cfda.html>

Grants.gov: <http://www.grants.gov/>

RESOURCES

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